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SUBJECT: SOVIET STATEMENT ON CYPRUS

MOSCOW'S GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON THE CYPRUS SITUATION ISSUED THIS EVENING IS NOTABLY MODERATE. IT AVOIDS ANY THREATS AND DOES NOT INDICATE THAT THE USSR SEES ITS SECURITY AFFECTED BY DEVELOPMENTS ON THE ISLAND.

THE STATEMENT--MOSCOW'S MOST AUTHORITATIVE PRONOUNCEMENT ON THE COUP SO FAR--REITERATES SOVIET SUPPORT FOR CYPRIOT INDEPENDENCE, CONDEMNS GREEK INTERFERENCE, AND CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF THE "LEGITIMATE" GOVERNMENT OF MAKARIOS. IT DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF ALL GREEK MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM THE ISLAND BUT DOES NOT THREATEN ATHENS WITH ANY CONSEQUENCES IF

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THE STATEMENT IMPLIES THAT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IS THE FORUM FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON CYPRUS BUT SUGGESTS THAT MOSCOW DOES NOT THINK EFFECTIVE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN THERE BECAUSE OF THE OBSTRUCTION OF "CERTAIN NATO COUNTRIES." THE STATEMENT INDIRECTLY EXPRESSES DISPLEASURE WITH US POLICY TOWARD THE CYPRUS SITUATION, SAYING THAT "SOME" IN THE WEST ARE ACCEPTING THE GREEK VERSION THAT THE SITUATION IS A CYPRIOT INTERNAL MATTER.

THE SOVIETS DO NOT COMMIT THEMSELVES ACTIVELY TO ASSISTING ANY MOVEMENT ON CYPRUS TO RETURN MAKARIOS TO POWER. {MOSCOW'S INITIAL PRONOUNCEMENT ON THE COUP, ISSUED MONDAY, SUGGESTED THAT THE USSR WAS HOLDING SUCH A COURSE OPEN.} THE LATEST STATEMENT SAYS VAGUELY THAT THE USSR "WILL BE ON THE SIDE" OF CYPRIOTS SEEKING TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FATE.

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